

## REGULAR MEETING-OCTOBER 25, 2004-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Deputy Mayor Gregory Haddad called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:36 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Haddad, Hawkins, Koehn, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer  
Absent: Clouette, Paterson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adopt the minutes with corrections.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Maria Gogarten-Boekes, 968 Warrenville Road, read a statement urging the adoption of the policy regarding the use of LEED standards.

See attached letter.

Scott Lehmann, 532 Browns Road, spoke in favor of the resolution regarding the use of LEED building standards for Municipal buildings. However, he inquired as to where is the proof that a building is not cost effective. He felt there needed to be some clarification, but in general the resolution was great.

Ruth Moynihan, 37 Farrell Road, representing the CFRG, (Citizens for Responsible Growth), read notes regarding the Mansfield Town Council's resolution on sustainable building practices. The group supports this resolution but urged the Council to postpone decision for two weeks in order for Council members to attend the Sustainable Building Workshop. This will be held Nov. 3, 2004, in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal building.  
See Attachment

Betty Wassmundt, 54 Old Turnpike Road, expressed concern over the plant bittersweet. It has become an evasive plant and she was asking if the Council could educate residents on how to control the plant on their land.

Leona Marcus, 78 Ellise Road, spoke of the importance of the Leeds resolution. However she did say that a building that is too airtight is not healthy. Proper building materials must be used. She suffers from multiple chemical sensitivities.

Judith Mordkoff, 934 Storrs Road, spoke of many concerns regarding the work on the gas line along Storrs Road. She has found that the project has greatly disturbed her life as well as others in that area. The construction work has continued well after dark with large spotlights and noise even at 1:00 a.m. She requested the Council to

ask the University of Connecticut to send her the information she had requested. She also stated that Rte 195 needed to be resurfaced as soon as possible due to the project.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

##### 1. Resolution Regarding the Use of LEED Building Standards for Municipal Buildings

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to remove from the table the Leed Building Standards.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Koehn seconded that effective October 25, 2004, to issue the attached resolution regarding the use of "LEED" building standards for municipal buildings.

Discussion followed. Two changes were made: ...renovation, unless this cannot be accomplished...Changes were accepted by maker and seconder of the motion.

Vote was unanimously to issue the attached resolution.

##### 2. University Spring Weekend and Campus/Community Relations

No action taken.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### 3. Proposed Conservation Easement, 97 Hunting Lodge Road

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded that effective October 25, 2004, to refer the University of Connecticut Foundation's proposed conservation easement on 97 Hunting Lodge Road to the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Conservation Commission, the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Inland Wetlands Commission, for review and comment.

So passed unanimously.

##### 4. Vantagecare RHS Employer Investment Program (EIP)

Director of Finance, Jeffrey Smith, was present to address questions of the Council.

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective October 25, 2004, to approve the attached "Resolution for Adoption of the Vantagecare RHS Employer Investment Program," and to authorize staff to transfer the assets held within the Medical Pension Trust Fund into the new Employer Investment Program account.

So passed unanimously.

## VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Flu Vaccine Shortage.

Suggestion that when flu clinics are scheduled to put them on the Town's website.

## VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee

Mr. Paulhus reminded Council to return evaluations of the Town Manager.

## VIII. REPORTS OF CONCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Paulhus stated that he and Mr. Hawkins were present at the University of Connecticut to greet the Governor.

Mr. Paulhus and Ms. Koehn were present today at the raising of the UN flag following a program in the Council Chamber. This was in celebration of UN Day.

## IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager handed out a letter from April Holinko thanking the Mansfield Community Center staff for providing outstanding programs for the teens in Town.

Town Manager inquired if all members of the Council were getting the UConn Landfill Update brochure. It was suggested to have copies placed in other offices.

Town Manager stated that the Rte 195 would have permanent repairs done to it after the election.

## X. FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr. Schaefer will be introducing a motion at the next Council meeting to read out the names of American men and women who have been killed in the fighting in Iraq at the beginning of each Council meeting. See Pg. 63 in the packet regarding City Hall, Cambridge Massachusetts.

## XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5. W. Topliff re: Update of Local Ambulatory Vehicle Exemption

6. Department of Public Works Press Release: "Maple Road to be Closed to Through Traffic"

7. Town of Mansfield November 2, 2004 Federal and State Election

8. G. Schimmel re: Mansfield Public Schools Enrollment

9. J. Mordkoff re: Work on Gal Line Along Storrs Road

By consensus the Council requested that the Town Manager send a letter to the University of Connecticut asking the University to send a response to J.

Mordkoff's request for information on the gas line project. The Council will approve the letter.

10. Connecticut Department of Public Health News Release:" State Reports Bird

Positive for West Nile Virus Found in Mansfield-Bird Testing Concluded for the 2004 Season”

11. Honorable J. Rell re: State Ethics Policy

12. Cambridge MA City Council re: War in Iraq

13. June 15, 2004 Minutes of the UConn Master Plan Advisory Committee

14. Windham Region Transit District re: Notice of Fare Increase

15. National League of Cities re: Freddie Mac Early Childhood Challenge

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk